

# 2026 Nomination Guide

Select your  
Schulich Leader Nominee

Give them a chance  
to win a **\$120,000**  
Schulich Leader Scholarship

**100** STEM\* scholarships  
awarded annually

Nomination deadline  
**January 28, 2026**

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics



**SCHULICH  
LEADER  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

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**Creating the next generation  
of technology innovators**

## What are Schulich Leader Scholarships?



Schulich Leader Scholarships are prestigious undergraduate scholarships awarded to high school graduates enrolling in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) programs at our 20 Canadian partner universities (see reverse).

Recognizing the increasing importance and impact that STEM disciplines will have on the prosperity of future generations, businessman and philanthropist Seymour Schulich established this \$200 million scholarship fund in 2012. Schulich Leader Scholarships enable Canada's top universities to attract and retain exceptional STEM talent here at home, empowering them to become the innovators and entrepreneurs our country needs.

## What do Schulich Leaders receive?

**50 scholarships valued at**  
**\$120,000**  
**for engineering**

**50 scholarships valued at**  
**\$100,000**  
**for science, technology or mathematics**

- + Shared learning to develop future leaders**
- + Entrepreneurship training and competitions**
- + Mentorship and access to our network of top innovators**

## What is a Schulich Leader Nominee?

A Schulich Leader Nominee represents the top STEM student in your graduating class and in turn becomes eligible to win a \$120,000 or \$100,000 scholarship.

This dynamic student displays an entrepreneurial mindset, demonstrating leadership, charisma and creativity. Strong consideration is given to students with financial need.

Academic excellence is implied for acceptance into university. We are looking for charismatic future leaders with grit and determination, not necessarily the top academic student in your graduating class.

### Benefits at a glance



**Chance to win \$120,000 or \$100,000 scholarship**



**Recognition on a national stage and within your school**

## What is a Schulich Leader?

A Schulich Leader is a Nominee who has been selected by one of our 20 partner universities to receive \$120,000 or \$100,000 to pursue an undergraduate degree in an eligible STEM program. In addition to this large financial award, they join an elite network and benefit from student enrichment opportunities throughout the year.

Only Schulich Leader Nominees are eligible to become Schulich Leaders.

# How does your school submit a Schulich Leader Nominee?

## How it works

Limited to one student per high school, four per cégep.  
If your school had a 2025 Schulich Leader, you can nominate two students.



**School appoints representative to submit Nominee and spearhead nomination process**



**School displays promotional materials to notify staff and students**



**School representative submits Nominee (due January 28, 2026)**



**Nominee submits scholarship application (due February 18, 2026)**



**Universities review applications and make offers (March 7–June 15, 2026)**

## Student eligibility criteria

- > Graduate high school or cégep in the 2025/2026 academic year
- > Be a Canadian citizen
- > Plan to enroll in an eligible STEM program at one of our partner universities (see reverse)  
(view eligible programs at [schulichleaders.com/universities](https://schulichleaders.com/universities))
- > Meet the following criteria:
  1. Entrepreneurial-minded (exhibiting leadership, charisma and creativity)
  2. Strong consideration will be given to students with financial need
  3. Intend to pursue a career in one or more of the following focus areas:
    - (A) Technology
    - (B) Engineering
    - (C) Entrepreneurship and business enterprise
    - (D) Applied scientific research

### We are **NOT** considering students who:

- > Focus on activism (environmental/social/political)
- > Intend to become a practicing physician and/or medical researcher (e.g. Doctor, Dentist, Nurse, Psychologist, Pharmacist, Optometrist, etc.)
- > Intend to pursue a career in academia or conduct theoretical research

## Get started

### 1. Submit your Nominee

School representative submits nomination online. Email [info@uja.schulichleaders.com](mailto:info@uja.schulichleaders.com) if you are not on our electronic mailing list and we will send you the link. Nomination deadline is **January 28, 2026**.

#### Nomination form requires:

- > Name and contact information for your school
- > Name and contact information for your Nominee

All nominations are verified by the Schulich Leader Scholarships office. Once a nomination is verified, the student is emailed a link to the scholarship application.

### 2. Nominee submits scholarship application

Scholarship application deadline is **February 18, 2026** at 12pm ET.

#### Application includes:

- > Contact information for two Referees who will upload reference letters in support of the nomination
- > Note: Referees will receive an email to an online reference request form after the nominee submits their completed scholarship application

**All letters of reference and scholarship applications must be completed and received by the February 18, 2026, deadline.**

- > The universities they wish to attend
- > Their top three achievements
  - 50 words maximum per achievement
- > Short answer to convey their career aspirations 10 years from now
  - 50 words maximum
- > Essay highlighting what they're passionate about
  - 250 words maximum
- > Essay highlighting how they demonstrate an entrepreneurial mindset (including leadership, charisma and creativity)
  - 250 words maximum
- > Essay highlighting what makes them an ideal candidate for this award
  - 250 words maximum
- > Optional essay to outline extenuating circumstances
  - 250 words maximum
- > One minute video upload
- > Copy of up-to-date transcript, credit counsel summary or detailed academic report
- > Headshot profile image for publicity

### 3. Scholarship recipients selected

Universities select Schulich Leader scholarship recipients using their own rubric. All winners are confirmed by **June 15, 2026**.

# Partner Universities

**100 annual scholarships**

**20 Canadian universities**

University of Waterloo  
University of Toronto  
McMaster University  
Queen's University  
Western University  
University of British Columbia  
McGill University  
University of Alberta  
University of Calgary  
York University  
Dalhousie University  
University of Ottawa  
University of Victoria  
Simon Fraser University  
University of Saskatchewan  
University of Manitoba  
University of New Brunswick  
Memorial University  
Université de Montréal  
University of Guelph

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